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ABSTRACT:
PURPOSE: To speed up <u>retrieval</u> operation by providing a terminal device with a
local file and a terminal controller with an update history file.

CONSTITUTION: The terminal controller 30 which repeats data between a center 10
and the terminal device 40 is provided with the update history file 31
consisting of only data which are updated newly when a master file 11 is updat
ed. The terminal device 40, on the other hand, is provided with the local file
41 copying the master file 11 <u>periodically</u> . The latest data base can,
therefore, be relrieved by referring to the local file 41 and update history
file 31 even unless the local file 41 and master file 1 are updated at the same
time. Conse quently, the data base can be <u>retrieved</u> more efficiently and
faster.